GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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Lack of Football Infrastructure
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that lack of infrastructure is hampering Indian Football; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps to be taken to improve the infrastructure in future?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR
YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)

(a) Madam, the All India Football Federation, recognized by the Government as the National Sports Federation for promotion and development of football sport in the country, has informed that lack of infrastructure is hampering Indian Football.

(b) Football stadia of international standard are available at various places including Kochi, Mumbai, Guwahati, Kolkata, Delhi and Goa. As 'Sports' is a state subject, it is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments/UTs Administrations to create adequate sports infrastructure for football in their respective states/UTs. However, Government of India through the Sports Authority of India regularly invests in creation of sports infrastructure for various sports disciplines including football. Also, the Government has been extending support for improving the level of sports, including football, through the schemes of Rajiv Gandhi Khel Abhiyan (RGKA) and Urban
Sports Infrastructure Scheme (USIS). RGKA, aims, inter alia, at construction of Sports Complexes in block panchayats of the country in a phased manner. Under USIS, financial assistance is provided to State Governments, UTs, local civic bodies etc. for laying synthetic track for athletics, astro-turf for hockey, creation of football grounds and multi-purpose halls.
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